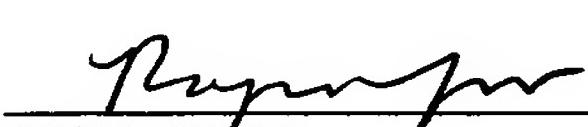


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U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER MC062YP
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/521 075
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/CA03/01115	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE JULY 24, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED JULY 26, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING PRODRUGS OF DIARYL-2-(5H)-FURANONE AS CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITORS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US CARL BERTHELETTE, NICHOLAS LACHANCE, LIANHAI LI, CLAUDIO STURINO, ZHAOYIN WANG, ROBERT N. YOUNG AND CLAUDE DEFRESNE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached heretob. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].		
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13(ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821(b)).18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 1.821(b).19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 1.821(b).20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:		
<p style="text-align: right;">EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT <i>January 12, 2005</i> EXPRESS MAIL NO. <i>EL 989 391694</i> THEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS COMMUNICATION IS BEING MAILED FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL THIS DAY OF <i>January 12, 2005</i> ADDRESSEE BEFORE 5 PM ON THE ABOVE DATE BY AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231. MAILED BY <i>John Schlesinger</i> DATE <i>Jan 12, 2005</i></p>		

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21. The following fees are submitted:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....		\$300.00	\$300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee.....		\$200.00	\$200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee		\$500.00	\$500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00				\$1000.00
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,250.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property. +				
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>13-2755</u> in the amount of <u>\$1,250.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. <u>13-2755</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p>				
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